



# Emergency Manager's Weekly Report 6-1-12

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# "It takes a team and our job as emergency managers is to build that team."

Craig Fugate





















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- CNN
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- Reuters
- USAToday
- Time
- Drudge Report
- Central Florida News 13
- Orlando Sentinel
- LA Times
- Government Executive
- BBC
- Homeland 1
- Federal Computer Weekly
- Firehouse Magazine
- Emergency Management Magazine
- Sign on San Diego
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- Huffington Post
- IRIN
- ProPublica
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- Washington Post
- NY Times
- Washington Times
- Yahoo News
- Big Medicine
- Emergency Management Daily
- PreventionWeb

### **Executive Summary**

This section of the EM Weekly Report will contain news articles, reports and resources that are of particular interest to emergency management professionals:

SC revises hurricane emergency procedures

http://www.thestate.com/2012/05/25/2289331/voluntary-no-more.html

Hurricane forecasters lean on social media to spread the news

http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/2012-05-28/news/os-facebook-twitter-hurricane-20120528 1 facebook-page-facebook-and-twitter-social-media

A weakened Beryl rains down relief on drought-stricken South

http://www.usatoday.com/weather/storms/story/2012-05-28/beryl-memorial-day/55240406/1

FEMA Administrator Statement on New National Hurricane Center Director <a href="http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=62920">http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=62920</a>

NY officials map strategy to deal with hurricanes

http://www.wcax.com/story/18652586/ny-officials-map-strategy-to-deal-with-hurricanes

FEMA Chief Briefs Obama on Hurricane Season Outlook

http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/fema-chief-briefs-obama-on-hurricane-season-outlook/6c4810f319e98006bd1101bd56c71662.html

Floridians tend to shun hurricane season preparation, Florida State University professor finds

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Rebuilding Joplin a year after tornado (Missouri)

http://www.cnn.com/2012/05/17/us/impact-joplin-tornado-anniversary/index.html

Business EOCs Improve Public-Private Relationships

http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Business-EOCs-Improve-Public-Private-Relationships.html

Emergency Management Accreditation Program Fully Accredits Huntington District (West Virginia)

http://news.yahoo.com/emergency-management-accreditation-program-fully-accredits-huntington-district-182107401.html; vlt=A2KJNTuT58JPvSMAa5vQtDMD

Vincent Gray nominates Christopher Geldart as homeland security chief (District of Columbia)

http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/dc-wire/post/vincent-gray-appoints-homeland-security-chief/2012/05/25/qJQAW9jvpU blog.html?wprss=rss local

4 companies to pay \$5M in FEMA trailer settlement <a href="http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US\_TOXIC\_TRAILERS?SITE=AP&SECTION=H">http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US\_TOXIC\_TRAILERS?SITE=AP&SECTION=H</a> OME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT

FedEx Corp. Honored for Emergency-Preparedness Leadership <a href="http://finance.yahoo.com/news/fedex-corp-honored-emergency-preparedness-170000435.html;\_ylt=A2KJjbyLd8RPWAsAB3TQtDMD">http://finance.yahoo.com/news/fedex-corp-honored-emergency-preparedness-170000435.html;\_ylt=A2KJjbyLd8RPWAsAB3TQtDMD</a>

The Joplin tornado through a coroner's eyes (Missouri) http://www.kansascity.com/2012/05/19/3618823/the-hardest-call-the-joplin-tornado.html

California Academy of Sciences shakes it up with new Earthquake exhibit <a href="http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/2012/05/california-academy-sciences-shakes-it-new-earthquake-exhibit">http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/2012/05/california-academy-sciences-shakes-it-new-earthquake-exhibit</a>

San Onofre Siren Test Renews Nuclear Debate (California)
<a href="http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/San-Onofre-Siren-Test-Renews-Nuclear-Debate-153299955.html?\_osource=Newsletter-Daily">http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/San-Onofre-Siren-Test-Renews-Nuclear-Debate-153299955.html?\_osource=Newsletter-Daily</a>

Is West Coast ready for a tsunami? Oregon towns hold tsunami drill <a href="http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Latest-News-Wires/2012/0531/ls-West-Coast-ready-for-a-tsunami-Oregon-towns-hold-tsunami-drill">http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Latest-News-Wires/2012/0531/ls-West-Coast-ready-for-a-tsunami-Oregon-towns-hold-tsunami-drill</a>

IEMA announces community preparedness initiative (Illinois) <a href="http://www.cinewsnow.com/news/local/IEMA-announces-community-prepardess-initiatve-155730825.html">http://www.cinewsnow.com/news/local/IEMA-announces-community-prepardess-initiatve-155730825.html</a>

QR Codes Bring Awareness to NotifyChicago Alert Tool (Illinois) <a href="http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/QR-Codes-NotifyChicago-Alert-Tool.html">http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/QR-Codes-NotifyChicago-Alert-Tool.html</a>

Multi-Layered Counterterror Defenses Generally Work Well, Former NCTC Director Argues

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Court Documents: American Front was Planning Violence (Florida) <a href="http://www.splcenter.org/blog/2012/05/14/court-documents-american-front-was-planning-violence/">http://www.splcenter.org/blog/2012/05/14/court-documents-american-front-was-planning-violence/</a>

U.S. officials among the targets of Iran-linked assassination plots <a href="http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/us-officials-among-the-targets-of-iran-linked-assassination-plots/2012/05/27/gJQAHIAOvU\_story.html?hpid=z2">http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/us-officials-among-the-targets-of-iran-linked-assassination-plots/2012/05/27/gJQAHIAOvU\_story.html?hpid=z2</a>

Vintage Spy Plane Gives High-Tech Drone a Run For Its Money <a href="http://www.npr.org/blogs/alltechconsidered/2012/05/28/153582693/vintage-spy-plane-gives-high-tech-drone-a-run-for-its-money">http://www.npr.org/blogs/alltechconsidered/2012/05/28/153582693/vintage-spy-plane-gives-high-tech-drone-a-run-for-its-money</a>

FBI: Neo-Nazis Planned to Attack Mexican Consulate (Minnesota)

http://www.splcenter.org/blog/2012/05/18/fbi-neo-nazis-planned-to-attack-mexican-consulate/

Arizona Militias Gain Momentum after Citizen Border Group Bill is defeated <a href="http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/politics/2012/05/29/arizona-militias-gain-momentum-after-citizen-border-group-bill-is-defeated/#ixzz1wGsXael4">http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/politics/2012/05/29/arizona-militias-gain-momentum-after-citizen-border-group-bill-is-defeated/#ixzz1wGsXael4</a>

Marines May Soon Carry Solar Backpacks

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Secret Service scandal: systemic problem or abberation?

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Enhancing America's cyber security

http://www.bostonglobe.com/opinion/2012/04/30/enhancing-america-cyber-security/sO32xDQJvBNIrabqZyJhmM/story.html

Exclusive Pictures: Inside the Navy's Newest Spy Sub

http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2012/05/uss-mississippi/

Schools Barred From Handcuffing Students (Mississippi)

http://news.yahoo.com/schools-barred-handcuffing-students-180900607--abc-news-topstories.html

Gerald Ensley: Loudspeakers serve safety and tradition (Florida)

http://www.tallahassee.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2012205270307

Averting disaster

http://www.udel.edu/udaily/2012/may/disaster-preparedness-051712.html

Scientists design indoor navigation system for blind

http://phys.org/news/2012-05-scientists-indoor.html

Taking His Doctor's Advice Could Cost a Combat Veteran His Apartment

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/05/29/nyregion/afghanistan-veteran-could-lose-home-over-service-dog.html

Dog Calls 911, Opens Door for Police (Washington)

http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,137066,00.html

Thunderstorm study underway in central US

http://www.usatoday.com/weather/research/story/2012-05-14/thunderstorm-research-study/54955426/1

Twice as many mega rainstorms in Midwest in past 50 years

http://www.csmonitor.com/Science/2012/0517/Twice-as-many-mega-rainstorms-in-Midwest-in-past-50-years

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Japan tsunami debris: Toxicity main U.S. concern

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Massive wildfire becomes largest in New Mexico history

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Can Anything Save the Drying Southwest?

http://www.time.com/time/health/article/0,8599,2115815,00.html

Extra heatwaves could kill 150,000 Americans by 2099

http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn21862-extra-heatwaves-could-kill-150000-americans-by-2099.html

Who Will Help Set Up the National Public Safety Network?

http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/National-Public-Safety-Network-Set-Up.html

Risk of violence in federal workplace examined

http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/dc-politics/risk-of-violence-in-federal-workplace-examined/2012/05/16/gIQA8ygIVU\_story.html?hpid=z10

Texas death prompts call for better protecting firefighters

http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/05/17/us-usa-firefighters-heatstroke-idUSBRE84G03B20120517

Emergency responders to submarine fire called heroes (Maine)

http://www.wcvb.com/news/local/Emergency-responders-to-submarine-fire-called-heroes/-/9848876/14076848/-/5h46k/-/index.html

At a Wildfire Base Camp, Logistics and Pop-Tarts (Arizona)

http://www.nvtimes.com/2012/05/25/us/wildfire-base-camp-spring-vallev-ariz.html? r=2

Firefighters' new medical duties could change role of paramedics (Pennsylvania) <a href="http://www.post-gazette.com/stories/local/neighborhoods-city/firefighters-new-medical-duties-could-change-role-of-paramedics-638003/?p=1">http://www.post-gazette.com/stories/local/neighborhoods-city/firefighters-new-medical-duties-could-change-role-of-paramedics-638003/?p=1</a>

DOT Releases New Emergency Response Guidebook

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Fremont Poison Gas Suicide Prompts Hazmat Response (California)

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**EMS Providers Care for Zombies** 

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'Covert' US drone operation is mapped on Twitter <a href="http://worldnews.msnbc.msn.com/\_news/2012/05/18/11756291-covert-us-drone-operation-is-mapped-on-twitter?lite">http://worldnews.msnbc.msn.com/\_news/2012/05/18/11756291-covert-us-drone-operation-is-mapped-on-twitter?lite</a>

Anonymous attacks Indian government over file-sharing ban <a href="http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/47477126/ns/technology\_and\_science-security/">http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/47477126/ns/technology\_and\_science-security/</a>

Humanitarian Issues: Learning to work as an emergency team <a href="http://www.unocha.org/top-stories/all-stories/humanitarian-issues-learning-work-emergency-team">http://www.unocha.org/top-stories/all-stories/humanitarian-issues-learning-work-emergency-team</a>

Antigua & Barbuda: National Office of Disaster Services looks to complete disaster plans <a href="http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=26893&pid:50">http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=26893&pid:50</a>

UNOSAT delivers GIS training in disaster risk management to experts in Asia <a href="http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=26879&pid:50">http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=26879&pid:50</a>

Massive cyber-attack dubbed Flame uncovered in Middle East, say researchers <a href="http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-501465\_162-57442503-501465/massive-cyber-attack-dubbed-flame-uncovered-in-middle-east-say-researchers/?tag=cbsnewsMainColumnArea">http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-501465\_162-57442503-501465/massive-cyber-attack-dubbed-flame-uncovered-in-middle-east-say-researchers/?tag=cbsnewsMainColumnArea</a>

Emergency preparedness plan gets boost (Singapore) <a href="http://www.channelnewsasia.com/stories/singaporelocalnews/view/1202420/1/.html">http://www.channelnewsasia.com/stories/singaporelocalnews/view/1202420/1/.html</a>

Emergency Managers in Mass Fatality Incidents <a href="http://www.iaem.com.sg/?p=285">http://www.iaem.com.sg/?p=285</a>

World's Largest Crisis Mapping Exercise a Successful Event <a href="http://www.prlog.org/11884575-worlds-largest-crisis-mapping-exercise-successful-event.html">http://www.prlog.org/11884575-worlds-largest-crisis-mapping-exercise-successful-event.html</a>

Tiny quakes may cause some surprisingly big tsunamis http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/47467056/ns/technology\_and\_science-science/

Monitoring tides could predict major quakes <a href="http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg21428654.000-monitoring-tides-could-predict-major-quakes.html">http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg21428654.000-monitoring-tides-could-predict-major-quakes.html</a>

Two jailed over New Zealand Rena ship disaster <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-18202962">http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-18202962</a>

Probability of contamination from severe nuclear reactor accidents is higher than expected: study

http://phys.org/news/2012-05-probability-contamination-severe-nuclear-reactor.html

Research team claims to have found evidence Lake Cheko is impact crater for Tunguska Event (Russia)

http://phys.org/news/2012-05-team-evidence-lake-cheko-impact.html

Cultural Treasures Crushed In Italy Quake

http://news.discovery.com/history/cultural-damage-italy-guake-120521.html

From one bowl of rice a day to nothing: Hunger spreads, stalks 1M children in Africa <a href="http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/from-one-bowl-of-rice-a-day-to-nothing-hunger-spreads-stalks-1m-children-in-africa/2012/05/26/gJQAVDUCsU\_story.html">http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/from-one-bowl-of-rice-a-day-to-nothing-hunger-spreads-stalks-1m-children-in-africa/2012/05/26/gJQAVDUCsU\_story.html</a>

Japanese carrier to sell smartphones with radiation detectors http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/47596025/ns/technology\_and\_science-security/

Bird-flu test identifies 10 strains of virus

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Qatar orders arrests as investigations widen into deadly mall blaze

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Supervolcanoes 'can grow in just hundreds of years'

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-18269593

Japan inches towards restarting nuclear reactors

http://phys.org/news/2012-05-japan-inches-restarting-nuclear-reactors.html

Attempts to predict earthquakes may do more harm than good

http://www.guardian.co.uk/science/blog/2012/may/30/attempts-predict-earthquakes-harm-good

Chernobyl's Real Horror Show Isn't the Radiation; It's the Economics (Ukraine) <a href="http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2012/05/chernobyls-real-horror-show-isnt-the-radiation-its-the-economics/257842/">http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2012/05/chernobyls-real-horror-show-isnt-the-radiation-its-the-economics/257842/</a>

Remnants of Haiti's army march in the capital; two Americans were among those arrested

http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/05/19/2807321/remnants-of-haitis-army-march.html

Svria blames rebels for Houla massacre

http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/syria-blames-rebels-for-houla-massacre/

Bahrain protests have complicated job for Houda Nonoo, first Jewish ambassador from an Arab nation

http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/magazine/bahrain-protests-have-complicated-job-for-houda-nonoo-first-jewish-ambassador-from-an-arab-nation/2012/05/22/gJQA2v9SnU story.html?hpid=z4

Hamas Takes Step toward Palestinian Unity Government

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/05/29/world/middleeast/hamas-makes-step-toward-palestinian-unity-government.html?\_r=1&hp

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U.S., allies expel Syrian diplomats after massacre http://www.cnn.com/2012/05/29/world/meast/syria-unrest/index.html?hpt=hp\_c1

Congress to consider giving more control of Internet to UN http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/47623432/ns/technology\_and\_science-wireless/

Egypt state of emergency due to expire

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-18283635

Could Water Shortages be used as a Weapon? (Opinion) <a href="http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Could-Water-be-Used-as-a-Weapon-Opinion.html">http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Could-Water-be-Used-as-a-Weapon-Opinion.html</a>

Climate scientists say warming could exceed 3.5 C <a href="http://news.yahoo.com/climate-scientists-warming-could-exceed-3-5-c-140413427.html">http://news.yahoo.com/climate-scientists-warming-could-exceed-3-5-c-140413427.html</a>

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Arizona battles wildfires Photo Gallery <a href="http://news.yahoo.com/photos/arizona-wildfires-1337036276-slideshow/">http://news.yahoo.com/photos/arizona-wildfires-1337036276-slideshow/</a>

Michael McDaniel: Cheap, effective shelter for disaster relief- Video <a href="http://www.ted.com/talks/michael\_mcdaniel\_cheap\_effective\_shelter\_for\_disaster\_relief.">http://www.ted.com/talks/michael\_mcdaniel\_cheap\_effective\_shelter\_for\_disaster\_relief.</a>

National Weather Service, Wireless Emergency Alerts on Your Mobile Device FAQ http://www.crh.noaa.gov/news/display\_cmsstory.php?wfo=crh&storyid=83063&source=0

Eastern Pacific Hurricane Awareness <a href="http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/lox/main.php?suite=safety&page=tropical">http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/lox/main.php?suite=safety&page=tropical</a>

National Hurricane Center Twitter Account <a href="http://twitter.com/#!/NHC\_Atlantic">http://twitter.com/#!/NHC\_Atlantic</a>

American Red Cross Social Engagement Handbook http://www.scribd.com/doc/92697012/Social-Engagement-Handbook-2-0

Recordings of May 30th EMForum.org Program Now Available -- The NFIP and the National Mitigation Framework www.emforum.org

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Presidential Policy Directive 8 (PPD 8) Advisory <a href="http://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/USDHSFEMA-41d4dd#.T8eroHYgyik.facebook">http://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/USDHSFEMA-41d4dd#.T8eroHYgyik.facebook</a>

#### **Facebook Pages**

City of Nashua Office of Emergency Management (New Hampshire) http://www.facebook.com/NashuaOEM

SituationWare <a href="http://www.facebook.com/situationware">http://www.facebook.com/situationware</a>

Rio+20 UN Conference on Sustainable Development <a href="http://www.facebook.com/UNRioplus20">http://www.facebook.com/UNRioplus20</a>

# **U.S. News Reports**

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